

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Jack Hickey

Dean Maynard

Rich Weisenflue

Joe Trybus

No public hearings.

Other Business:

- 2014 Meeting Schedule was posted on the bulletin board outside of the office and share with the Town Clerk.
- We discussed the budget request. Unanimous approval of level funding. Stacy will confirm expected cost of MACC dues.
- Jack reviewed the site visit to 89 Old State Road re: complaint about clearing and ATV impact to a wetland area. DEP is also aware of the situation and may pursue enforcement under the Wetlands Act or MEPA. No further action by the Commission.
- Stacy and Dean reviewed the site visit to 33 Silver Street with Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering. Jurisdictional areas include an intermittent stream, BVW, riverfront area, and buffer zone. A permit request will be submitted for our Feb. or March meeting.
- Jack and Joe discussed the upcoming water quality testing on Pontoosuc Lake tentatively scheduled for 1/22/14. Discussion about doing sampling during the Fire Department Fishing Derby on 1/25. Date will be confirmed after talking with Harbormaster Lee Hauge. Water quality testing dates happen at approximately the same time in order to be able to compare data over time. Joe shared that there was no white nosed sucker run in Town Brook this year. Discussion around possible reasons, including bridge construction on Miner Road, occurred.
- Received the extension permit from the Pittsfield Conservation Commission for the herbicide treatment and deep drawdown of Pontoosuc Lake.
- Received cutting plan for Thayer property, North Main Street. There is a vernal pool located on the property.
- Received notice of 2014 scheduled vegetation maintenance activities by WMECO on selected rights of way. (dated 11/13/13)
- Received WMECO 2014 Yearly Operational Plan submittal (dated 12/03/13). The YOP can be reviewed at [www.wmeco.com/energy wise/controllingvegetation/default.aspx](http://www.wmeco.com/energy_wise/controllingvegetation/default.aspx)
- Received copy of Chapter 91 Waterways License Application for 1 Orchard Ave, Betit property.
- Discussed the recent notification from NHESP regarding newly identified vernal pools. Stacy will contact NHESP to get the data sheets to share with property owners due to the Commission's concern that owners might not be aware.
- Records retention schedules were researched by Stacy and Jack. We will be confirming dates with the Town Administrator before moving ahead with purging old files.

Adjourned 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Feb. 3rd starting at 7 pm